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"The Golden Age of America Begins"

Donald J. Trump is sworn in as America's 47th President

Tangi Times Report

On January 20, 2025, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States, becoming the second president in U.S. history, after Grover Cleveland, to serve non-consecutive terms.

The ceremony, held indoors in the Capitol Rotunda due to frigid weather, symbolized a momentous political comeback for the former president after his loss in 2020. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office, while Vice President JD Vance was sworn in by Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

President Trump's inaugural address struck a familiar tone, emphasizing his signature themes of "America First" policies. He outlined plans to reduce inflation, enforce stricter immigration measures, and confront crime with a focus on designating international gangs as terrorist organizations.

Calling his vision the beginning of "the golden age of America," Trump vowed to protect American jobs, industries, and national sovereignty while appealing to his loyal base with promises of renewed economic prosperity and security.

Security at the event was at an all-time high, with an unprecedented deployment of law enforcement officers, National Guard troops, and advanced surveillance technology to prevent disruptions.

Notable figures from both political and business circles attended the inauguration. Tech industry leaders Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Meta's Mark Zuckerberg were present, alongside prominent Republican politicians and members of Trump's family. Former President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden attended the ceremony and participated in traditional pre-inaugural activities, emphasizing the peaceful transfer of power.

The day's celebrations extended beyond the Capitol as President Trump prepared to sign a series of executive orders reversing policies from the previous administration, particularly on energy, border security, and healthcare. Later in the evening, an indoor inaugural parade took place at Capital One Arena, showcasing patriotic displays and performances by country music star Carrie

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Charity Starts at Home

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

Kentwood's own Antoinette Harrell isn't just a name around town – she's a force of nature. From local community service to international missions, her work has touched lives far and wide, leaving a trail of kindness wherever she goes.

Antoinette moved to Kentwood after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but she didn't just settle in – she got to work. Always a passionate advocate for humanity, she dove headfirst into helping her new community, later founding Citizens for Change and Gathering of Hearts. Her work started locally but soon blossomed into something truly global, proving that small towns can nurture big dreams.

BELL'S WELL
BELL'S WELL

Photo courtesy of Antoinette Harrell

One of Antoinette's most cherished projects has taken her all the way to Nyarenda Village near Kisii Town, Kenya. What started as a heartfelt donation of 400 Bibles grew into a mission to address the community's most urgent needs. "There's no way you can just give Bibles and not address the human need of a person," she explained.

Antoinette and her team have transformed the village's future, starting with the construction of a much-needed water well. Before its creation, children had to walk miles for clean water – an exhausting and sometimes dangerous daily chore. Thanks to the well, they now have easy access to fresh water, a change that has improved their quality of life immensely.

But Antoinette didn't stop there. She purchased land for the children to grow their own fresh produce, empowering them with the ability to cultivate their own food. "They didn't have access to land before, and now they can grow vegetables to nourish themselves," she shared.

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Tangipahoa Shines at the Rose Bowl Parade

From Team Tangi

Tangipahoa Parish was well represented in the 2025 Rose Bowl Parade. Our friends at Tangi Tourism, Kinion Bankston of Southern Boyz Outdoors, and Brandon Bennett were among this year's participants on Louisiana's entry in the parade, which is broadcast worldwide on New Year's Day!

The Explore Louisiana float won the Director's Award for the "most outstanding artistic design and use of floral/non-floral materials" in this year's parade.

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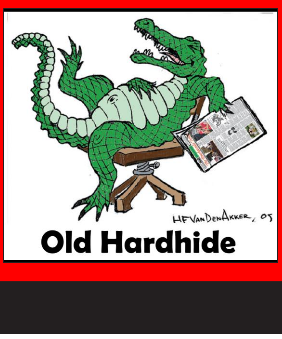

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By OLE HARDHIDE
The Alligator

ALLIGATORS HATE SNOW!!

No 'H' greetings today, swampies, cuz the Hide's hide is entirely too frozen to concentrate. I'm like an icy green Frosty the Snowgator over here, and I H-H-Hate it! There's your 'H' greeting. Sorry – it's the best I can do with acute sudden onset stage 4 long hypothermia.

Have you ever seen a snowman in the swamp? No. You haven't. You want to know why? Because snow doesn't belong in the swamp! Heat, steam, gators, turtles, skeeters, crawfish… that's all fine.

Y'all know the main gator doesn't like to hibernate, but I might make an exception for this Snowmageddon we're experiencing here in our beloved swamp. I need to find a good hollow log and a bonfire. I would light one myself, but it's hard to strike a match with 11-inch arms.

Okay, rant over.

Your favorite gator narrator has a special request: can someone come over here with a blowtorch and unfreeze this reptile's backside?! If you don't have a blowtorch, a flamethrower will probably be fine. This is inhumane!

Okay, rant really over this time.

I left a post on our Facebook page before this seventh circle of hell frozen over paid a visit to us innocent, heat-loving swamp denizens. What did we do to deserve this??

I digress.

Anyway, lots of people commented and shared my post about which king cake you were going to have during Snowmageddon. You know Gator Supreme loves him some king cake! I have a few waiting to be cut open, but I'm always grateful for more donations from my favorite swampies! Now I'm thinking about gumbo…

Stay warm and safe, swampies!

#babygoesinsidethecake #knifestaysinthebox
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Dubious News

Hello, friends!

Ever dreamed of sweet, sweet revenge on your school authorities for all those pop quizzes and detentions? Well, in 2022, twelve students at Conrad High School in Montana turned that dream into a reality – with a little help from an ancient state law. They discovered a quirky law declaring that if a student rides a horse to school, the principal is responsible for feeding and tending to the horse during the school day. Naturally, these mischievous masterminds saddled up and galloped to class on their last day. Principal Raymond DeBruycker suddenly found himself less "head of the school" and more "stable manager," unexpectedly spending his whole day feeding and tending to a dozen horses.

The school district summed it up best:

"It looks like Mr. DeBruycker has his work cut out for him today."

So, the next time you get a detention for "horsing around," don't forget to let your revenge out of the stable.

Until next time, friends!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Wesley Daniels
City of Ponchatoula

As Mayor of Ponchatoula, I want to personally address the recent disruptions caused by Vexus Fiber's ongoing installation of high-speed internet infrastructure in residential areas, particularly in the southwest part of our city.

While we fully support initiatives that enhance our community's connectivity and technological capabilities, we were not made aware in advance of the scale or timing of this project. After a very productive meeting with the contractor, we feel we have reached a solution-oriented approach to handling these disruptions.

Please know that the City of Ponchatoula is committed to addressing these issues as quickly and efficiently as possible. If you experience any disruptions or have questions or concerns, I urge you to contact City Hall directly at (985) 386-6484. We are actively coordinating with the contractor's point of contact to ensure your concerns are addressed, and we are working to improve communication for the remainder of this project.

Your patience and understanding as we navigate this situation are greatly appreciated, and we thank you for helping us make Ponchatoula an even better place to live, work, and grow.

"I love our city, and I love its people."
-Wesley Daniels

The Tangi Times

Southeastern College of Business to Host Forum

From Southeastern

Southeastern Louisiana University's College of Business will host its second Executive Business Forum in St. Tammany Parish. Held at the Castine Center in Mandeville, located at 63350 Pelican Dr., the event is designed to bring critical information to the Northshore in the areas of talent, healthcare, and the economy.

The forum is scheduled Thursday, April 10, from 9am to 3pm with a networking cocktail reception immediately following.

"Our Executive Business Forum is designed for decision makers on the Northshore with information our business leaders need to navigate in the future," said College of Business Dean Tará Lopez. "Our presenters will take national business issues and tailor the information for Northshore businesses. The attendees will leave well-informed and energized with solutions-focused information needed to plan for the future."

Forum speakers include President and Chief Executive Officer of North Oaks Health System Michele Kidd Sutton; Commandant of Cadets-Office of the Commandant of The Citadel Col. Tom Gordon; Officer VP, Talent Experience of Chick-fil-a Libby Wanamaker; President of Jani King Gulf Coast John L. O'Neil, Jr.; and Chief People Officer of Netchex Adam Massman. A healthcare panel and more will also be included.

First Guaranty Bank and North Oaks Health System are this year's catalyst sponsors. Sponsors and attendees will have exclusive opportunities for companies and organizations to showcase their products and services; increase visibility with executives in the region; develop and nurture professional relationships; and support the talent development in the Southeastern College of Business.

Lopez said sponsor tables sold out last year, so companies are advised to reserve tables now. For more information or to register, contact Southeastern's College of Business at 985-549-2258 or business@southeastern.edu, or visit southeastern.edu/businessforum.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

SATURDAY JANUARY 25
8am-12pm
Mystic Cruisin' Auto Car Show
N. 6th & W. Hickory Sts., Ponchatoula

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1
12-7pm
Gnarly Gras 2025
Gnarly Barley Brewing
1709 Corbin Rd., Hammond

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2
1pm
Mardi Gras Brush & Brim Paint Class
Revival Art House
495 SW Railroad Ave., Ponchatoula

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7
7:30pm
Jamming in Hammond Sessions
Columbia Theatre
220 E. Thomas St., Hammond

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14
7-9pm
Dessert & Wine on Valentine
Crescent Lounge
120 W. Pine St., Ponchatoula

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God, you are so much better than I can imagine. I know that even my grandest request seems small compared to what you want to accomplish through me. Help me to remember that you are at work in my life to create something better than I could ever create on my own.

Marshall Graves
Love Is the Key Outreach

TANGI GUMBO
A little bit of everything you need to know

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs your help identifying and locating several suspects accused of stealing items just before Christmas time. In the early morning hours of December 23, two men are seen on surveillance cameras on Old Sawmill Road in the Ponchatoula area walking onto a property and taking a Yeti ice chest as well as multiple welding tools. Another property owner in the area reported several similar items missing from around their home that same night. Those items totaled $2,500. You can see the video on TPSO social media. Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who these suspects are, and/or where they can be found, as well as any additional, potential victims, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-402-0214. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You may be eligible for a cash reward. TPSO would also like to remind residents to keep valuables secured inside of homes or other structures with locks.

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Once again, City Court Judge C. Britain Sledge III is offering residents of the 7th Ward an opportunity to get a fresh start this year. The Court's annual Amnesty Program affords citizens with outstanding warrants an opportunity to address those old charges without fear of arrest. Continuing from now through March 31, 2025, the Court will hold a forgiveness program for individuals with outstanding warrants. All individuals with warrants are encouraged to take advantage of this amnesty program. Sledge said that this amnesty is available for all residents, no matter the reason for their outstanding charges. Payments of fines and court costs can be made by cash, money order, cashier's check, and debit/credit cards between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday. No personal checks will be accepted. Sledge said even if someone cannot completely pay their fines and court costs prior to the end of the amnesty period, the Court will create a plan to address your outstanding warrants. For more information, contact the City Court Clerk of Court's office at (985) 542-3455 or go to https://warrants.citycourt.org/ to search the court's warrants database.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help identifying and locating two suspects accused of recently stealing hundreds of dollars in merchandise from the Robert Supermarket. On Saturday afternoon, December 11, the man and woman seen in the attached still images went into the store in the 22000 block of US 190 and while the man filled a grocery basket with dozens of bottles of laundry detergent and several bags of dog food, the woman stood watch near the front door. When no employees were near the exit, the pair left without paying for the items. The suspects were traveling in a white Altima with license plate 866 HVE. Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who these suspects are, or their whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-902-2088. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You may be eligible for a cash reward.

Tangipahoa Parish Government says in 2024, Tangipahoa Parish drafted its vision for how the parish will look in 2045. In 2025, they want to make that vision a reality by moving toward implementation of the Tangi 2045 Comprehensive Plan. But they said they cannot do it without YOU! Learn more about the plan and see how YOU can help us build the Tangipahoa of the future. Go to www.Tangi-2045.com to see how you can help us make Tangipahoa even better.

Watch this list GROW!

What do these local businesses have in common?

PONCHATOULA
Bohning's
Gabriel Building Supply
CVS Ponchatoula
B2 Antiques
Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy

KENTWOOD
Kentwood Pharmacy
Kentwood City Hall
Kentwood Café
Schilling's Pharmacy
Kentwood Co-op
Pizza Shack
B & D Salvage Grocery

INDEPENDENCE
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man Convenience
La Potosina

ROBERT
Robert Supermarket
Robert Pharmacy

TICKFAW
The Herd Nutrition

ALBANY
P&J Supermarket
Circle A Hardware
Huckleberry's

HAMMOND
Jeanie's - It's All Good
Doughlicious Donuts
University Donuts
CVS Hammond
Pull Clip Café
Scott's Pharmacy
Don Chaucer's Pharmacy
Bayou Booksellers

AMITE
Drive-In Drug Store
Thrift-Town HealthMart
Gabriel Building Supply
Master Chef

LORANGER
Gene's Greenhouses
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Family Healthcare

MONTPELIER
Bear Creek Western Store
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STartUP Northshore announced that Cantaloupe AI was the winner of the 2025 NSpire Startup Slam, securing one of the largest pitch competition prize packages in the Gulf South – valued at over $115,000 in cash and services. Set against the backdrop of the historic Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts in Downtown Hammond, on the evening of January 10, 2025, nearly 200 attendees celebrated entrepreneurship and innovation over food, drinks, and live music before witnessing the three finalist startups take center stage. The competition, now in its second year, showcased the vision and creativity of three remarkable Louisiana-based startups: Cantaloupe AI, ForeFront360, and QMS2GO. Attendees enjoyed live music, curated food and drinks, and networking before the finalists took center stage to pitch their groundbreaking businesses to a panel of esteemed judges. Cantaloupe AI is transforming the hospitality industry with AI-driven voice interviews that empower every applicant across every role to speak for themselves, reducing time-to-hire and giving hiring managers powerful data on their next potential employee before they ever meet. The prize package that Cantaloupe AI walked away with included $40,000 in cash funding paired with high-quality in-kind services, mentorship opportunities, and access to a network of investors and industry professionals valued at over $65,000.

On January 14, 2025, the Hammond Police Department Narcotics Division, with the assistance of the Street Crimes Division, arrested Michael "Mikey" Brumfield, 44 years old of Hammond. HPD detectives learned Brumfield was selling illegal narcotics within the city and is currently on parole with outstanding warrants. Detectives observed Brumfield enter a local business, where detectives and officers were able to place him under arrest without incident. Brumfield was in possession of heroin. HPD will continue to work diligently to investigate and arrest drug traffickers and deal-

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Talk of the Town!

Who is the most annoying type of texter?

a. The one who communicates in emojis only
b. The one who takes hours to respond
c. The group chat starter
d. The one who texts entire novels
e. other

Angela Brents
Hammond

C and E... ones that text one phrase at a time when it could have been said in one message!

Ellen Eubanks
Robert

C. Group chats starter. At least I know how to mute them now!

Jeff Bodenstein
Kentwood

A - for sure
C - is the #1 - never ever start a group text
D - Always keep it short

Jessica Klein
Amite

E. The one who sends 15 small messages with something that could have been one single message.

Katie Adams
Ponchatoula

C!!!
I'll block a C just for adding me!!

Lance Folse
Hammond

Definitely A!
All those emojis just make me feel so
😳 🤔 🤦 🧐 😡

Melissa Wallace
Ponchatoula

B. particularly if its one of my children. In all fairness, they would say that I'm D. because I hate talking.

Tabitha Monk
Ponchatoula

A, C, and D,
and E – one-word responses.
Soooo annoying.

YOU SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

Beau Perez
Bobby Ed Lee
Bill Anderson
Dolly Parton
Paul Stanley
Jimmy Ibbotson
Steve Perry
Robin Zander
Aaron Neville

Dana Fletcher
Lacy Rabe
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Martha Davis
Chris Britton
Billy Ocean
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Patrick Simmons
Neil Diamond

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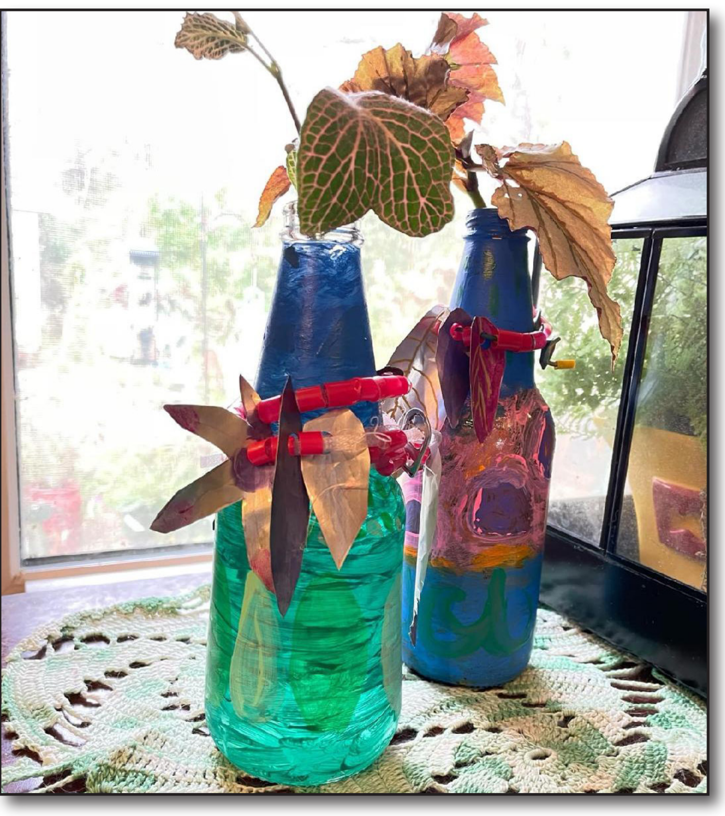
Would you like to wish someone a happy birthday in The Tangi Times? Just send the name of the birthday boy or girl along with the special date to publisher@tangitimes.com.

Big Action Comes in Small Packages

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist


(Tangi Times Photo)

Fourth-grader Catherine LeBlanc is proving that making a difference can be both fun and creative. As part of her Girl Scout Journey in Citizen Science, Catherine embarked on a mission to earn her badge and take meaningful action. But this wasn't just a simple community service project – it was a deep dive into problem-solving, teamwork, and making an impact that others can replicate.

A Girl Scout Journey is all about exploring interests, building confidence, and taking on challenges to help the community. Catherine, a Junior Girl Scout, knew exactly what she wanted her project to focus on. "I wanted something with art and to help the Earth because I like those two things," she shared.

Her Citizen Science adventure began on SciStarter.org, a platform that connects curious minds with real-world research opportunities. Catherine and her mom searched for a project and found one that encouraged action near coastal areas. But since the beach wasn't an option, they turned to the lush, mysterious beauty of the Joyce Wildlife Swampwalk in south Tangipahoa Parish.

On New Year's Day 2025, Catherine, her mom Lisa, and her brother Charlie ventured deep into the swamp for a cleanup expedition. Armed with grocery bags and determination, the team spent hours collecting trash, uncovering glass bottles, cans, and even an old chair! The chair, unfortunately, was too big to carry back.

By the end of the day, they had filled three grocery bags with litter. Catherine documented every step of the journey with photos and videos, turning the experience into a creative storytelling project.

Using a video creation tool called Animoto, she crafted a digital presentation to inspire others. As a member of her virtual school's technology club, Catherine knew how to make her project shine online.

But Catherine didn't stop at cleaning up trash. She saw potential in what others had discarded. She and her brother cleaned the glass bottles with a bleach solution and transformed them into beautiful plant propagation stations. "I like helping the environment, and I want everybody to do their part for the Earth," Catherine said, encouraging others to look at trash as an opportunity for art.

The project even connected her with "Glass Half Full," a Louisiana organization that recycles glass into sand to rebuild barrier islands. Catherine's mom helped make the connection, adding another layer of impact to the family's efforts.

Catherine hopes her project inspires others to think creatively about helping the environment. "You can turn trash into artwork; it could be anything you imagine," she said.

As for what's next? Catherine is already dreaming of creating a community garden.

With her enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to making the world a better place, Catherine LeBlanc is a shining example of how even the smallest actions can make a big difference.

CHARITY

FROM PAGE 1

Tangipahoa Parish and St. Helena residents pitched in, donating goats and chickens to provide even more resources for the children.

Her upcoming trip to Kenya will mark her third journey to Africa, and this time, she's bringing even more tools to help the village thrive. Thanks to a donation from the Tangipahoa Parish Library, Antoinette is bringing two laptops, marking the first time the village will have access to computers. Educational materials will also be delivered, furthering opportunities for the children.

"It's such a blessing to witness the support of my community," Antoinette said, tearing up. "I couldn't have done this without them."

For Antoinette, her connection to Kenya is deeply personal. "It wasn't something I chose – it chose me," she said of her bond with the orphan center director. "Over time, we developed a relationship, and it's grown into something beautiful."

Her husband and brother, both inspired by her work, will be traveling with her to Kenya for the first time. Together, they're exploring new ways to improve the children's quality of life.

Even after losing her right leg 14 years ago, Antoinette never slowed down – literally. "People will tell you, 'She'll leave you behind!'" she joked, preferring crutches over a prosthesis because it keeps her moving faster. Her resilience is a testament to her unwavering spirit.

Back home in Kentwood, Antoinette works tirelessly to foster the same generosity she's brought to the world. From distributing 10,000 donated books to local libraries to organizing community gardens for teaching healthy eating and food sharing, she's all about planting seeds of kindness, both figuratively and literally.

When asked what drives her, Antoinette credits her grandparents. "My grandmother taught me that helping others is one of the greatest gifts. What we do for others is what we do for Christ." It's a lesson she's passing down to her grandchildren, who've already joined her on many service trips.

Her secret to making the world a better place? It's as simple as sharing love. "If we all just do something, whether it's helping in your church, your home, or your family, it adds up," she said.

To see Antoinette's incredible work in action, visit Gathering of Hearts on Facebook, where she shares mission updates and heartwarming photos. And if you're inspired to give back, she has just one request: start with your own community.

As Antoinette puts it, "Charity starts at home."

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Eagle Scout Completes Board of Review

On January 17, 2025, Ryan Shillingburg from Troop 170, Hammond, LA successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review. He earned his Eagle Scout rank at 13 years old. One of the requirements to earn Eagle is to complete the 21 merit badges (14 required plus 7 more); he far surpassed that goal by earning 61 so far, as well as multiple awards. He is also looking forward to learning about other topics covered in other merit badges. He intends to stay in Scouts, participating in more high-adventure activities, helping other Scouts with rank-up requirements, continuing to volunteer at Tickfaw State Park and Geaux Wildlife Rehab, and having lots of fun.

For his Eagle project, he installed a flagpole and a fire pit with benches at Tickfaw State Park primitive campsite in Springfield, LA.

Tisha Raiford from Geaux Wild Rehab had this to say about Ryan:

"I had the privilege of sitting in on his Eagle Scout review board, and it was truly an honor. When Ryan is here helping, I see a young man who is not only focused and committed to the task at hand but also enjoys himself and brings a lighthearted, playful spirit typical of his age. However, last night, I witnessed him sit before the board and respond to questions with the poise, maturity, and wisdom of someone far beyond his years. He was incredibly polite and well-spoken when answering the questions he was asked.

"Ryan is a truly remarkable individual who is always polite, always willing to go above and beyond to assist others and dedicated to making a difference. He has an infectious sense of humor, a big heart, and a genuine desire to help without expecting anything in return. In fact, he has even asked his parents to bring him by here to make a personal cash donation to support the wildlife in rehab.

"Ryan is an exceptional young man, and the world could certainly use more people like him."

American Legion Post 47 Jambalaya Fundraiser

From American Legion Post 47

Ponchatoula American Legion Post 47 is in the process of a major renovation to its historic Post Hall building at 500 East Pine Street and needs community help to complete the project this year. Many do not know that our Post in Ponchatoula is one of the first in the nation to form just after World War I and is named in honor of one of the volunteer soldiers from our area to join the US Army and serve -- Pvt. Leander J. Kinchen.

The Legion is responsible for the GI Bill of Rights and actively lobbies Congress every session to promote Veterans interests. Post 47 is responsible for the "Avenue of the Flags" in the Ponchatoula Cemetery, overseeing the raising and lowering of Old Glory at 66 flagpole monuments since 2013.

We also participate in Wreaths Across America every December to remember, honor and teach, and every summer we sponsor high school juniors to seniors at Boys and Girls State civic programs for a week at a Louisi-ana college. In 2025, that college will be Southeastern Louisiana University.

Our initial fund raiser is a cooperative venture with Ponchatoula Rotary to prepare a famous jambalaya dinner for takeout service from the Rotary Hut on Friday, January 31, from 11am to 7pm. Each dinner includes a generous portion of chicken and sausage jambalaya, coleslaw, a serving of white beans, and a cookie dessert.

The cost is $10 per ticket, and we will deliver orders of ten or more to businesses, schools, clubs, or offices in the local area. Please consider taking at least ten tickets to sell to your employees, students, members, associates, or friends. Contact me for tickets at my email address: jackcatalinotto@hotmail.com.

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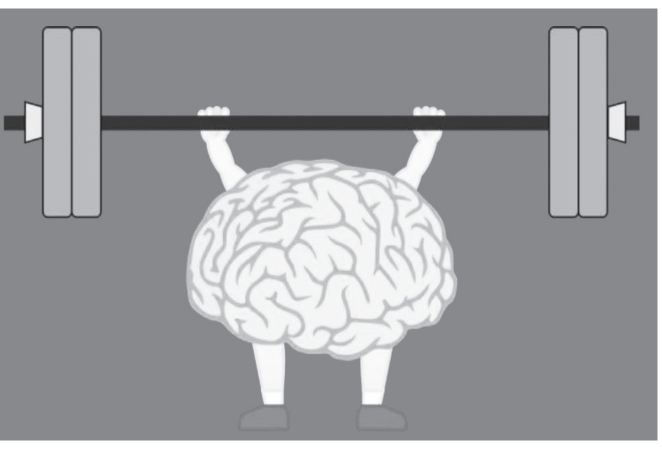

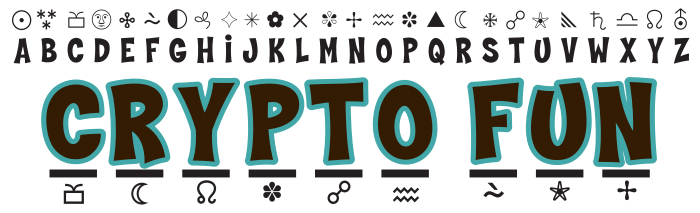
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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to organization.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = T)

A. 5 10 3 1 7 16

Clue: Divided into categories

B. 5 18 5 1 7 9

Clue: Way of doing things

C. 1 22 16 18

Clue: Neat

D. 23 20 4 1 1 7 3

Clue: Scattered items

Answers: A. sorted B. system C. tidy D. clutter

The Tangi Times BRAIN TEASER

Test your logical thinking abilities!

ONE FOR THE AGES

Cate is one-fourteenth the age of Jack, but Cate is three years younger than Maya. In six years, Jack will be four times as old as Maya. How many times as old as Maya is Jack now?

*If you think that you have solved the puzzle, tell us about it in an email to **publisher@tangitimes.com** before the solution is published in next week's paper.*

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to organization.

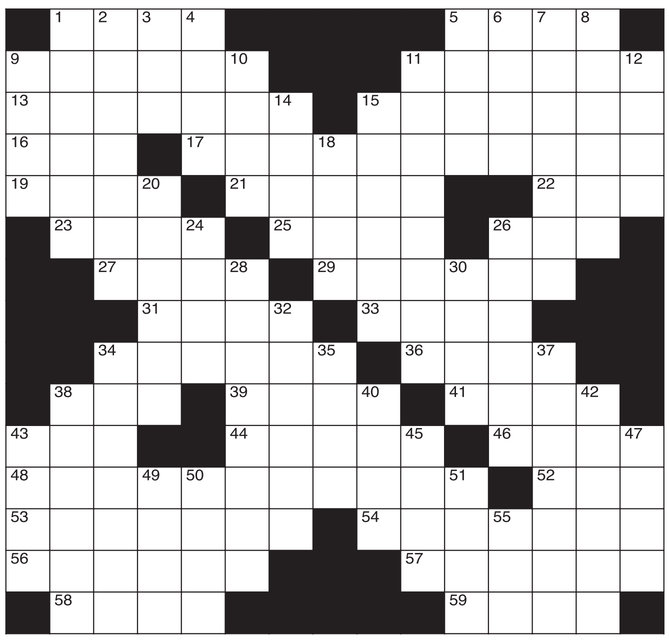
L F E I

Answer: File

FUN FACT

An ostrich can run up to 43 MPH, and its kick is strong enough to kill a lion or a human.

CROSSWORD



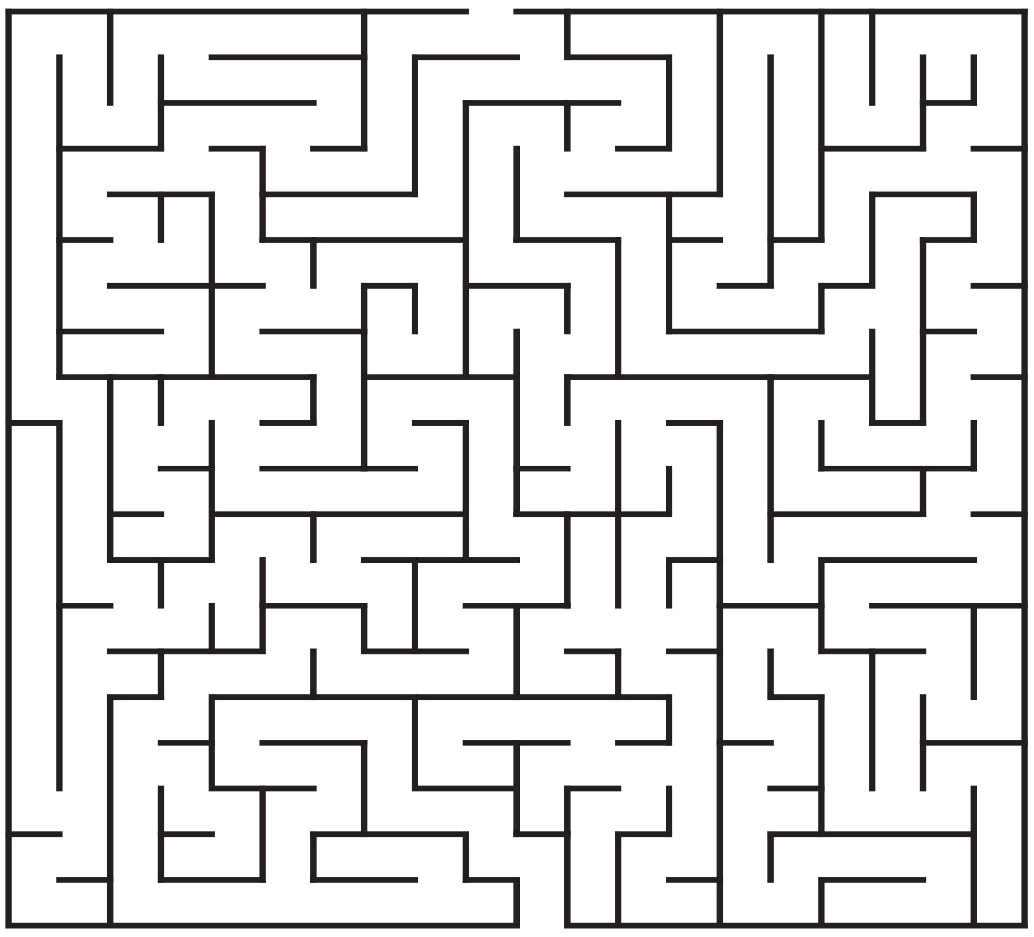
CLUES ACROSS

1. "Loser" rocker
5. Partner to relaxation
9. Mixing
11. Winged nut
13. Expression of blame
15. Vast ocean
16. Comedienne Gasteyer
17. Multiply
19. Meat from a pig (French)
21. Related
22. Rocker Stewart
23. Surprise completely
25. Loon
26. Canister
27. Large, deep-bodied fish
29. Takes forcefully
31. Oil cartel
33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
34. More than one
36. Places down purposefully
38. Pitching statistic
39. Type of sword
41. Witnesses
43. Body part
44. Mixes slowly
46. Satisfy
48. Strong belief
52. One's physique (slang)
53. More frightening
54. Soup cracker
56. Teaches
57. One who carries something
58. Actor Sean
59. Changes

CLUES DOWN

1. __ Aires, city
2. Coarse grass
3. Type of gene
4. Door handle
5. Competition
6. Muslim ruler title
7. Hunting expeditions
8. Large mollusk
9. Bind securely
10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
11. 2-point plays in football
12. Breezed through
14. Type setting
15. Felt for
18. Codified rules
20. Small dome
24. Chevrotain
26. Male reproductive gland
28. Controversial beliefs
30. Z Z Z
32. One who confines another
34. Bishop
35. Garlands
37. Bird that flies by the coast
38. Optical device
40. Greek goddess of discord
42. Some are "Rolling"
43. Formerly (archaic)
45. Thrust a knife into
47. German river
49. Atomic #26
50. Make a grotesque face
51. Primordial matter of the universe
55. Chinese philosophical principle

Kids' Corner



GUESS WHO?

I am a singer/songwriter born in Tennessee on January 19, 1946. I grew up with 11 brothers and sisters in a small cabin. I learned to sing in church. I've released 26 No. 1 Billboard hits during my career, and I'm known as the "Queen of Country Music" as a result.

Answer: Dolly Parton

SUDOKU

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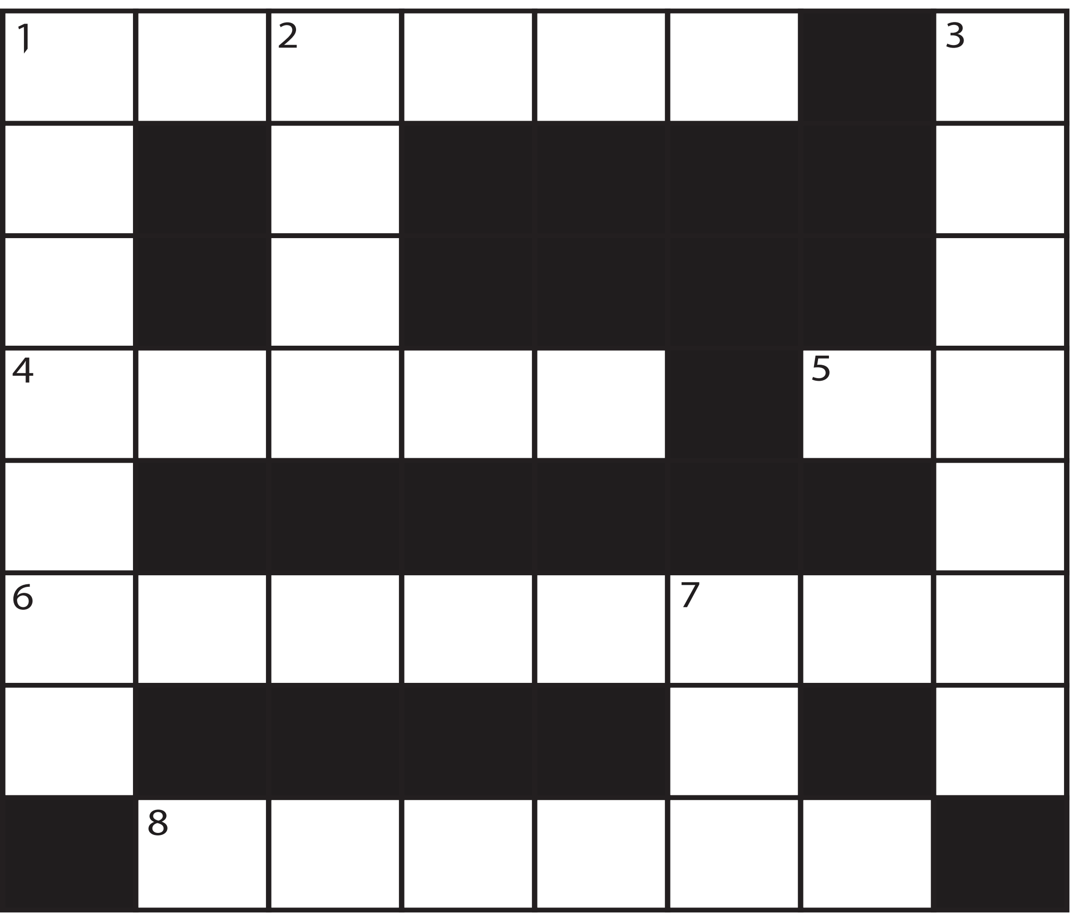

ACROSS
1. Downhill sport
4. Very breezy
5. Scary film and book
6. In the north, 8. A bit cold

DOWN
1. Frozen precipitation
2. Type of metal
3. Blades on ice
7. Snakelike fish

WORD SEARCH

NEAT AND TIDY WORD SEARCH

P A C K R A T Z S A A N O I T A N O D V
Y M M S B B D G P A Q N U A T L L K F G
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S R E N I A T N O C L P O U T L N A Y I

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ACTIVITY
CLOSETS
CLUTTER
COLLECTIBLES
COMMON AREA
CONTAINERS
DONATION
FILING

GARAGE
GROUPING
LABELS
MAINTENANCE
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZING
PACKRAT
PERFECTIONIST

PROCRASTINATION
PURGING
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January 14, 2025

The qualifying period for the **2025 Special Election**, **to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025,** will begin Wednesday, January 29, 2025, through Friday, January 31, 2025. Hours for qualifying are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Persons interested in qualifying for the below offices shall qualify at the Clerk of Court's office in Amite, LA:

21st Judicial District Court Judge, Juvenile - Div "I"

Village of Tangipahoa, Alderman

The qualifying fee shall be paid in cash or by certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union, United States postal money order, or a money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union. ***Valid identification is required***.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Borras at (985) 748-4146.

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Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court

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TOWN OF KENTWOOD

Advertisement for Bids
TOWN OF KENTWOOD

The Town of Kentwood will accept sealed bids for the purchase, as is, of 5.03 acres, M/L, Section 29, T1S, R7E, Town of Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish Assessment # 97705, and all improvements thereon (commonly known as the Kentwood Nursing Home) and subject to all leases and servitudes thereon, located at 912 Avenue G, Kentwood, LA 70444 until 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2025. The minimum bid amount is $1,200,000.00. The delivery of the sealed bids can be hand delivered or certified mail to Town of Kentwood, 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA 70444. If certified mail, please send early so the bids are received in the office by 4:00 p.m. **Late Bids will not be accepted.**

If the Bidder wants to appraise the property, the Town of Kentwood shall be provided with a copy of the appraisal.

Within one week of the awarding of the Bid, the winning Bidder shall submit to the Town a purchase agreement and a deposit of $10,000.00 in the form of a cashier's check payable to the Town of Kentwood.

The purchase agreement shall provide for the Bidder to pay all closing costs and that the closing shall occur no later than Ninety (90) days after the bid is accepted.

At the closing, payment must be in the form of a Certified Cashier's Check.

Please contact Kentwood City Hall at 985-229-3451, to schedule an appointment to view the property.

The latest date to view the property is February 28, 2025.

The Town of Kentwood reserves the right to reject any and all bids pursuant to the law.

Publish in the Tangi Times on January 23, February 6, and February 20, 2025.

Mayor Irma Gordon
Town of Kentwood

Cost of notice: $ 51.75

PURSUANT TO A MOTION ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENTWOOD, LA., ON JANUARY 2, 2025, THE TOWN OF KENTWOOD WILL RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING SURPLUS PROPERTIES:

1-Frigidaire Refrigerator
8-Lumex Beds
12-GE Air Conditioner Units
62-Invacare Beds

THE SURPLUS PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS. PLEASE CONTACT KENTWOOD CITY HALL AT 985-229-3451, TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.
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SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 4:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 6, 2025.
SEALED BIDS WILL BE OPENED THE SAME DAY AT 6:00 P.M., AT OUR REGULAR MEETING.

THERE IS NO MINIMUM BID, THE PROPERTIES ARE SOLD "AS IS", AND THE OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS PURSUANT TO LAW.

*TOWN OF KENTWOOD, LA.
*IRMA T. GORDON, MAYOR

Please run this advertisement on Jan 16, 23, and 30, 2025. Cost of notice: $ 41.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Tangipahoa at the following address: DG Louisiana, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store # 30359. 18379 Hwy. 22, Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454.
/s/Steven R. Deckard, CEO

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ers in our area. Distribution of any illegal narcotic will not be tolerated in the City of Hammond. The Hammond Police Department Narcotics Division will ensure these dealers are arrested and held accountable for their actions. If you have information on someone possessing and/or selling illegal narcotics, please contact the Hammond Police Department Narcotics Division at 985-277-5700. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs your help identifying and locating several suspects accused of breaking into vehicles in two neighborhoods in the Hammond area around Christmas time. In the early morning hours of December 26, three young men are seen on surveillance cameras pulling on car door handles throughout the Audubon Trace subdivision on Bankston Road. Fortunately, they only found one vehicle unlocked and were able to steal several items from it before leaving the neighborhood. The trio is believed to have traveled to nearby Regency Avenue subdivision where they broke into another car and were able to steal an iPhone and other miscellaneous items. Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who these suspects are, and/or where they can be found, as well as any additional, potential victims, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-345-6150. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You may be eligible for a cash reward. The TPSO would also like to remind residents to always lock your vehicles and to avoid leaving valuables in your vehicles.

TPSO said the jail returned to normal operations following a smoke emergency on Friday afternoon. In response to that emergency, as safety inspections were being conducted by various agencies, the majority of the inmate population was put into evacuation protocol which had various groups of inmates and staff displaced throughout the grounds. Part of this protocol includes calling on numerous law enforcement partners to enhance staffing numbers and security resources to ensure custody, control and safety remained in effect at all times. During the waiting period of the evacuation process, a few inmates were involved in disturbances in the middle yard. Deputies deployed pepper spray to disperse those disturbances and removed all of the inmates involved. Everyone who reported being affected was provided medical attention. TPSO wants to thank the community for understanding the heightened measures they put in place for this type of emergency response and show much appreciation for fellow law enforcement, fire, and EMS agencies for their quick response as well as Tangipahoa Parish Government for their support.

Susan Bourgeois, Louisiana Economic Development Secretary, says two Louisiana metro statistical areas (MSAs) were named national Leading Metro Locations for 2024. Citing workforce availability, economic strength and affordability, Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA secured the 9th spot overall nationally and 7th among small markets. Additionally, the Hammond MSA earned the 19th spot overall nationally and 14th among small markets. She said this recognition demonstrates how Louisiana has entered a new era of growth, development and opportunity that isn't exclusive to our major cities but happening statewide. She also said these accolades are a step in the right direction, but the work is nowhere near complete and that we need to build on this momentum and take Louisiana to new heights.

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HHMS Honored as "Top Merit Award of Excellence" Campus

From Team Tangi

Tangipahoa Parish is receiving national accolades for the success of one of the district's largest magnet schools.

On Friday, Hammond High Magnet School was recognized with the highest merit award offered by the Magnet Schools of America, which has distinguished the school as a "Top Merit Award of Excellence" campus.

It is a first for both the school and the district, which relaunched HHMS as a magnet and International Baccalaureate school at the start of the 2010-11 school year. At the time, the school was in decline, boasting an enrollment of only several hundred students. Today, HHMS is the second-largest high school in the parish, receiving hundreds of magnet transfer applications each year for students to participate in a wealth of programs offered at the school.

Tangipahoa Parish School Superintendent Melissa Stilley was part of the leadership team who witnessed the transformation of Hammond High to a magnet campus nearly 15 years ago.

"This is a proud day, not only for our district, but so much more so for the families and businesses in Hammond who championed for the transformation of this campus to a dynamic school that would draw students from all over Tangipahoa Parish to achieve their academic goals," Stilley said.

Michael Kyles, Jr., principal of HHMS, was a teacher at the campus when the school began its transformation more than a decade ago. "When I think about where we started and how Hammond High Magnet has grown in such a short time, I am so excited for the opportunities we can afford students not only in Hammond but all over Tangipahoa Parish. This recognition is a powerful reminder that HHMS is on the move, making positive gains for students in our community and gaining national attention for the opportunities we are providing for our students," Kyles said.

Among those opportunities are the Northshore's only IB high school diploma program and a sports medicine magnet program which draws students from across the parish to attend HHMS. The magnet specialty programs have been so well-received the campus has had to complete several additions, including a ProStart culinary kitchen and most recently, a 14-classroom wing to accommodate the influx of students.

The "Top Magnet Schools of Excellence" award from Magnet Schools of America recognizes schools that were designated as National Certified Demonstration Schools in the fall of 2024 or schools that achieved the highest score threshold or ranked at the top of their reader group. It is the highest merit award the organization offers to magnet schools across the country.

Stilley said this is the first time one of the Tangipahoa Parish School System's magnet schools has been recognized by an outside magnet organization for their excellence.

Tangipahoa Parish School Board member Brett Duncan, who has championed the magnet program since its inception, called the recognition well-deserved.

"I am so glad that our educators, students, and this community will receive the recognition they deserve," Duncan said, adding that "the work that has been done to improve Hammond High Magnet over the last 12 years has been a yeoman's job, and the result has been remarkable."

Duncan said this transformation would not have been possible without the support of the entire community, and he applauded Hammond's investment in the dedicated magnet tax which has benefited not only HHMS, but all of Hammond's magnet, Montessori, and IB programs.

Stilley visited the campus on Friday to join Principal Kyles and the entire Hammond High Magnet community in celebrating this outstanding achievement.

Obituaries

AMY ELIZABETH CURET

Amy Elizabeth Curet, of Hammond, Louisiana, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025, at the age of 38. Born on November 3, 1986, in Hammond, Louisiana, Amy attended Holy Ghost Catholic School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Louisiana Tech University, and received her bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Her life was forever blessed when she gave birth to her son, Jeremiah. Amy was a loving mother who dedicated her life to her son and showered him with love and affection. Amy will be remembered for her kind and thoughtful heart, and her creative, adventurous spirit. She loved nature, and being outdoors with the sun on her face and the wind in her hair. She is missed dearly by her family and will remain in their hearts forever.

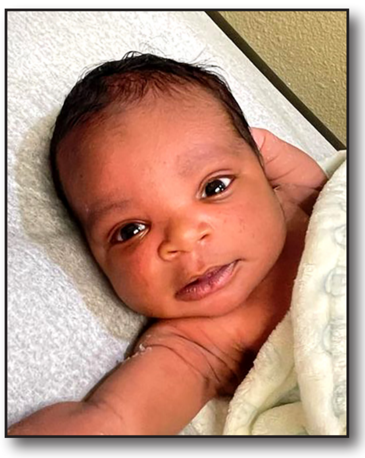
Amy Elizabeth Curet

Amy is survived by her beloved son, Jeremiah James Curet; parents, Douglas and Carol Motes Curet; sisters, Christie Curet Jackson and Tracy Curet Ward and her husband James Ward; nieces, Caroline, Madeline, Olivia; nephew, Parish; Jeremiah's father, Timothy Montgomery; and a host of loving extended family.

Family and friends paid respects at Harry McKneely & Son Funeral Home in Hammond on Friday, January 17, 2025, and attended the funeral mass on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond.

MAA'LACHI ZAHIR SIMMONS

Maa'lachi Zahir Simmons passed away on Friday, January 10, 2025, in Amite, Louisiana. He was born on Sunday, November 3, 2024, in Hammond, Louisiana to Mer'Cedes Nikole Stewart and Da'Markus O'Brian Simmons. He was a resident of Hammond, Louisiana.



Maa'lachi Zahir Simmons

Maa'lachi is survived by his mother; Mer'Cedes Nikole Stewart; father, Da'Markus O'Brian Simmons; maternal grandparents, La'Quinta Baker and Darious Davis; paternal grandparents, Emily Clark and Damien Simmons; great-grandparents, Robin and Kenneth Vining and Stella Stewart; aunts, Brayya Pitts, Jaee'den Pitts, Tayelor Pitts, Diamond Brister, and Chadsity Clark; great-aunts, Lanitha Beauchamp, Shanita Baker, Sharonda Stewart, and Brulita Stewart; great-great-aunts, Lisa Baker, Nancy Baker, and Tysonia Baker; great-great-uncles, Warren Baker, Sr., Antione Baker, Anthony Baker, Bruce Stewart, and Derrick Stewart; and numerous cousins and other loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his great-great-grandfather, Bruce Stewart.

Relatives and friends attended the visitation and funeral service at Greater Mt. Vernon Church, 1005 LaVanner Brown Drive, Hammond, Louisiana 70401, on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

Interment will follow in Holly Gardens Cemetery, Hammond, Louisiana.

Hayden Lamar Madison; 1; Greensburg; January 9; survived by his mother, Krista Madison, and her fiance, Matthew Carpenter; brothers and sisters, Lucas Madison, Serenity King, Liam King, and Karsen Carpenter; grandmother, Earlean Baker; aunts, Ashlee Madison, Roxsanne Dunaway, and Marlee Ratliff; and an uncle, Keith "TJ" Madison.

Donnell J. Robertson; 38; January 9

John Joseph O'Hern, III; 56; Kentwood; January 10; survived by his daughter, Raven O'Hern (Matthew); dogs, Dos and Drake; son, John O'Hern (Lacie); grandchildren, Mason and Zoe; father, Wilburn Newcomb; sisters, Meg Stephens and Alice McFarlain (Adam); brothers, John Bascom (Paula) and Mark O'Hern (April); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Crystal Harrington Minor; 47; Independence; January 10; survived by her husband, Bobby Minor, Sr.; sons, Colt Harrington and William Minor, Jr.; grandchildren, Wyatt Minor, Weston Minor, and others; and sister, Cherie Harrington.

Lucille Anne Capdeboscq; 82; Amite; January 11; survived by her daughters, Louanne Bertrand (Brett) and Carolyn Waller (Jim); son, Allen Capdeboscq, Jr.; and grandchildren, Andrew Bertrand, Peyton Waller, Cooper Capdeboscq, Eli Capdeboscq, and Emma Capdeboscq.

Linda Jo Porter; 78; Hammond; January 11; survived by her husband, Lee Porter; sons, Travis (Angela Johnson) and Kevin Porter (Dana); daughter, Erin Porter (Ben Curtis); brother, Robert Brady; and her grandchildren.

Betty Jean Willie Prevost Blount; 76; Loranger; January 12; survived by her sons, Ellis (Amy), Donald (Karyn), and Peyton Prevost (Sarah); grandchildren, Christina (Evan), Breanna (Zack), Gracie, Michael, Zachary (Kylee), Tyler, Analeigh, Macy, Jolene, and Ryker; five great-grandchildren; brother, Harvey (Joyce); sisters, Irma (Nick) and Karen; and many nieces and nephews.

Wayne Addison; 66; Loranger; January 13; survived by his wife, Carol "Bunny" Addison; daughters, CJ Addison and Ruby Addison; son, Jacob Addison; and brothers, Jeff (Mary) and Ronnie Addison (Stephanie).

Lance Paul Rohner; 71; Amite; January 13; survived by his sons, Michael Rohner (Jennifer) and Cody Leleux (Karen); sister, Diane Gill (Jerry); and grandchildren, Dante Leleux, Abby Higginbotham, Jake Higginbotham, Ethan Rohner, Argent Rohner, Waylon Higginbotham, Bethany Higginbotham.

Glynn A. Trahan; 79; Ponchatoula; January 13; survived by his wife, Bonnie Trahan; daughters, Patricia Serpas (CJ), Allison Smith (Stewart), Bethany Dulski (Michael), Victoria Trahan (Thomas), and Maggie Schilling (David); and grandchildren, Nicholas Gibson, Sydney Brame (Scott), Brianna Trahan, Jude Dulski, Landry Smith, Micah Willis, and Finn Trahan.

Amy Elizabeth Curet; 38; Hammond; January 13; survived by her son, Jeremiah Curet; parents, Douglas and Carol Motes Curet; sisters, Christie Jackson and Tracy Ward (James); nieces, Caroline, Madeline, and Olivia; nephew, Parish; Jeremiah's father, Timothy Montgomery; and a host of loving extended family.

Elaine Meister; 84; Amite; January 14; survived by her son, John Thomas Meister (Charlotte); daughter, Cathy Acierto (Danny); grandchildren, Kevin, Rachel, Stephanie, Rodney, Amber, Andrew, Stiffany, James, and Sophia; great-grandchildren, Alexis, Braelynn, and Jaxyn; and sister, Joan Burkhalter.

Norma Jean House Stamper; 90; Ponchatoula; January 14; survived by her children, Barbara Lynn Blanchard, Larry David Stamper (Jill), Sherry Bertrand (Wayne), and Carol Denny (Ron); grandchildren Jeffrey, Ross, Katy, Jackie, Nicole, Bridget, Cade, Jake, Taylor, and Ollie; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Larry Nick Decareaux Jr.; 62; Ponchatoula; January 14; survived by his children, Ian Decareaux and Abigail Decareaux; father, Larry Decareaux Sr.; his wife, Nadine Majesty; and many beloved cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives, and friends.

Sandra "Sandy" Shaffer Soape; 79; Pumpkin Center; January 15; survived by her children, Nikki Williams, Marcy Rogers (Brian), Kim Walker (Brian), and Andrew Soape (Amanda); grandchildren, Christina, Jimmy, Monique, David, Sarah, Britt, Maddi, Syd, Kasie, Brian, Payton, and Taylor; eighteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Judy, Karen (Carroll), and SuePat; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille Clara DuBois Goodwin; 95; Independence; January 15; survived by her children, Danny Goodwin (Machelle) and Donald Goodwin (Susan); grandchildren, Dawn (Jeff), Darla (Mike), Dane (Bryana), Haiden (Darci), and Ian (Renee); great-grandchildren, Drew, Beau, Olivia, Sabria, Abram, Adalynn, Alice, and Deliliah; and brother, Edmond "Jr." DuBois.

Hannah Nicole Freitas; 26; January 15; survived by her mother, Melissa Freitas (Stephen); brothers, John (Denaie) and Casey Freitas; sister-in-law, Denaie Freitas; nephews, Logan and Brodie; nieces, Jordan and Harper; grandmother, Barbara Crow; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; her dog, Buck; and numerous friend who loved her dearly.

Dennis Roy Walker; 73; January 15; survived by his daughters, Kara Faller (Andrew) and Kacie; son, Kody (Jenny); grandchildren, James and John Faller and Mattie Walker; sisters, Marion Carpenter (Joe), Dianne Stilley (Jerry), and Sharon Cowan (Herb); sisters-in-law, Joycelyn and Janet; brother-in-law, Bobby (Jessica); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Buck Wallace Sharp; 65; Amite; January 15; survived by his daughter, Nicole Lianne (Peak); grandchildren, Brynlea Sanders, Benton Sanders, and Kobelyn Miller; niece, Jessica Rodeillat (Phillip); great-niece, Jordan Allen; and great-nephews, Landon and Peyton Allen.

Patricia Stephen Holden; 85; Amite; January 16; survived by her daughter, Connie Cefalu (Francis); son, Rodney Holden (Sheila); grandchildren, Stephanie Holden, Christi Monteleone (Payton), and Kevin Cefalu (Breanne); great-grandchildren, Landon (Katie), Kelsey, Drew, McKenzie, and soon to be born Kallie; and great-great-grandchildren, Lawson, Karsen, and Maverick.

Bettie Jean Cunningham Miley; 82; January 16; survived by her sons, Robert Miley Sr. (Traci) and Phillip Pogue (Stacy); grandchildren, Megan (Josh), Macy (Alex), Robert Jr. (Chloe), Kennedy, and Skylar; great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Melody, Samantha, Claire, Cooper, Elizabeth, and Vera; nieces, Pat (Butch), Jan (Robert), and Veronica (Johnny-Late), and her dog, Tad.

Christopher Kimble Primes; 58; Hammond; January 17; survived by his wife, Renee Primes; children, Christopher Primes and Allison Neustrom (Ethan); cherished grandchildren; brother, Dawson Primes (Betsy); their sons, Christopher, Kyle, and Caleb; and his former wife and mother of his children, Lisa Magliolo.

Horoscopes

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4th week of January

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you feel loved and appreciated this week and you would like to share those feelings with others by being supportive of their needs. Focus your attention on a close friend.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, even if you do not have anything in common with someone, you can find a way to be friends. Open a dialogue to get the ball rolling.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, accept that you cannot change some things and look for a silver lining. Soon enough you'll come out on the other side.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you are getting hungrier and hungrier, which makes you determined to get ahead. Just be sure this determination is balanced by a little reservation as well.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Could it be that you are in the market for some romance, Leo? If so, make a plan for rekindling the flame with a current partner or finding someone new who also is looking for love.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Challenges may arise in your relationship this week, Virgo. A serious approach to the partnership is required by both side. Work toward resolving the situation as a couple.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, although your creative juices are flowing, some type of roadblock pops up and restricts your path. Explore ways to work around this obstacle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, take a deep look at yourself this week, examining all facets of your personality. Instead of being judgemental of others, you may need to make some changes yourself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, emotions are running high for you and you may not be able to focus on what needs your attention most. If you can't get a hold of things, try delegating some of your tasks.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Be careful when listening to what another has to say, Capricorn. Read their body language instead of just their words. The two may not match up with one another.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Opportunities you may never have expected are presenting themselves, Aquarius. Find time to process these unexpected developments and mull the best approach.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, resist hurried efforts to get to a destination without enjoying the journey. There is a lot to see along the way, so it's best if you savor all of it while you can..

Keeping It Real in REAL ESTATE

with Stacey Levin, RAM Properties

Who Is Doing Your Interview?

BY STACEY LEVIN
Tangi Times Technical Contributor

This week has been a tough one, y'all. A few weeks back, I shared the sting of being fired. Well, this week has been the sequel. Complete with more conflict, more hurt feelings, and late-night soul-searching.

I had to pause and ask myself some hard questions. Am I working with pride or disrespect? Why are my real estate transactions starting to feel exhausting? Am I unknowingly inviting conflict into my life?

During my evenings, I have felt drained and defeated—definitely not my favorite place to be.

The real estate market is shifting, and everyone must adjust. A few months ago, I got a call from a gentleman in Mississippi who wanted to sell his Hammond property. The house needed work (and by "work," I mean it was not livable), but hey, I'm always up for a challenge!

Owner/Broker of RAM Properties, Stacey Levin

The owner lived two hours away, and internet and power outages made signing documents a circus act. So, I hopped in the car with one of my agents for a day-long road trip to Mississippi. We sorted out the paperwork, and soon enough, the house was under contract with a sweet family ready to turn it into a dream home.

Then, the plot thickened. These buyers needed to switch to a construction loan to finance the renovations. But Mr. Mississippi, armed with Google University degrees, became convinced this meant he'd be hit with extra fees. No matter how much I explained that these fees were for the buyers, he was sure I was lying to him.

After two months of chats about everything from UFOs to politics, he decided I was taking advantage of him. When I offered to drive up again and treat him to lunch to explain everything, he responded with rudeness and degrading foul language.

My husband read the texts and laid down the law: no more talking to this guy. So, I prepared to let the deal fall apart, knowing the buyers would lose the money they'd already spent. Despite bringing in a lender and title attorney to mediate, the future of this deal is still a giant question mark.

If that wasn't enough, another client came along with a small piece of land to sell. We found a buyer, agreed on a price slightly below asking, and started the process—inspections, appraisals, the whole nine yards.

Halfway through, my client received a "better" verbal offer: the full asking price with all closing fees covered, including Realtor commissions. When I explained that we couldn't just ditch the current contract, he responded with threats, accusations, and language that would make a sailor blush.

Against my better judgment, I found a loophole to cancel the contract and warned him it might backfire. Surprise, the too-good-to-be-true offer evaporated, leaving us crawling back to the original buyer, who understandably wanted nothing to do with us. Now, the property's back on the market, and we're starting from scratch.

After a week like this, I had to sit down and take stock. I realized that it's not me that's changed—it's my standards. I used to tell other agents how empowering it felt to interview potential clients and decide whether to work with them. Somewhere along the way, I lost that mindset. The market has been so slow that I've been in survival mode, taking on clients who've drained my energy and disrespected my time—no more.

It's time to reclaim my worth. I deserve to work with clients who respect me, value my expertise, and understand that real estate isn't just a transaction; it's a partnership.

I'm done letting a few difficult clients steal my joy. Because here's the thing: nothing – not money, contracts, or empty promises – is worth feeling defeated.

So, here's to a fresh mindset, stronger boundaries, and a reminder that I'm not just a real estate agent. I'm a human being who works hard, loves deeply, and deserves respect. If I've learned anything this week, it's that sometimes the best thing you can do is fire the client before they fire your spirit.

No Spend 2025

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

What if we told you that 2025 could be the year you finally tame your wallet, conquer your closet, and rediscover the joys of simplicity? Welcome to the whimsical world of "No Spend 2025," a growing trend that invites you to spend less, save more, and get creative with what you already have.

Think of "No Spend 2025" as a budget-friendly game of life. The goal is to reduce unnecessary spending for an entire year (or a portion of it) and focus on appreciating what you already own.

While the rules vary from person to person, the concept is simple: skip non-essential purchases and embrace a more mindful approach to money. Instead of swiping your card for every impulse buy, you'll become a master of resourcefulness, finding ways to repair, reuse, or repurpose.

It's not about deprivation; it's about rediscovery.

Aside from saving money – which, let's face it, is always a win – there are plenty of perks to this challenge. Saying goodbye to unused gadgets and questionable online purchases will help you clear the clutter and give you time to sort through what you already own.

When you can't buy, you learn to DIY, turning old T-shirts into tote bags, reimagining leftovers as gourmet meals, or finally tackling that Pinterest board. No-Spend challenges also shine a spotlight on your spending habits, helping you identify areas where you can cut back and save.

And let's not forget the simple joys: a good book, a nature walk, or a game night can bring endless happiness, proving that the best things in life really are free (or close to it).

Before you panic at the thought of giving up your morning latte or Friday night takeout, take a deep breath. "No Spend 2025" is flexible and personal.

Decide what counts as an "essential" purchase. Groceries? Yes. Yet another throw pillow? Maybe not.

Make it a team effort by getting the family involved. Kids will love turning saving into a fun game, and partners can help keep each other accountable.

Instead of dining out, host a potluck. Skip the gym membership and explore YouTube workout videos or local parks.

Create a visual tracker for all the money you're saving. Watching your stash grow can be incredibly motivating. And it's okay to allow some splurges, like birthday gifts or an occasional coffee date. This isn't about suffering – it's about smart choices.

"No Spend 2025" isn't about saying "no" forever; it's about saying "yes" to a more intentional way of living. Dust off that board game, sharpen your sewing needle, and pull out that cookbook you've been meaning to use.

Who knows? By this time next year, you might not even miss those impulse buys. Happy saving!

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Underwood, Kid Rock, The Village People, and other entertainers. Due to the extreme cold, this marked a depar-ture from the traditional outdoor parade along Pennsylvania Avenue.

International reactions to the inauguration were mixed, as could have been expected, with some congratulating Trump on his return, while others voiced cautious optimism or concerns about his "America First" approach. Trump's return to power has reignited global discussions about U.S. foreign policy and its potential shifts under his leadership.

President Trump's second term promises to be one of significant change, aiming to address domestic challeng-es while navigating a complex international landscape. His inauguration serves as a powerful reminder of the unpredictable and resilient nature of American democracy.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

From January 16, 2025

SIGNIFICANT OTHER

Add the same letter to each four-letter word and rearrange the letters to spell a five-letter word. Fill the spaces with one letter each to write the words across the grid, ensuring that the extra letter is in the shaded square. We've left workspace at the right.

SOLUTION

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Congratulations to Capt. Jim Mascair for solving this challenging Brain Teaser!

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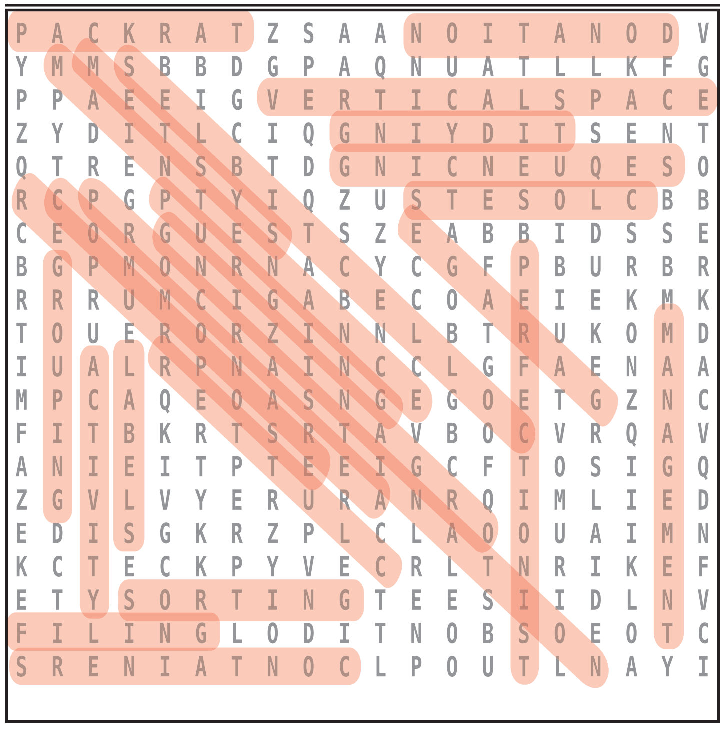

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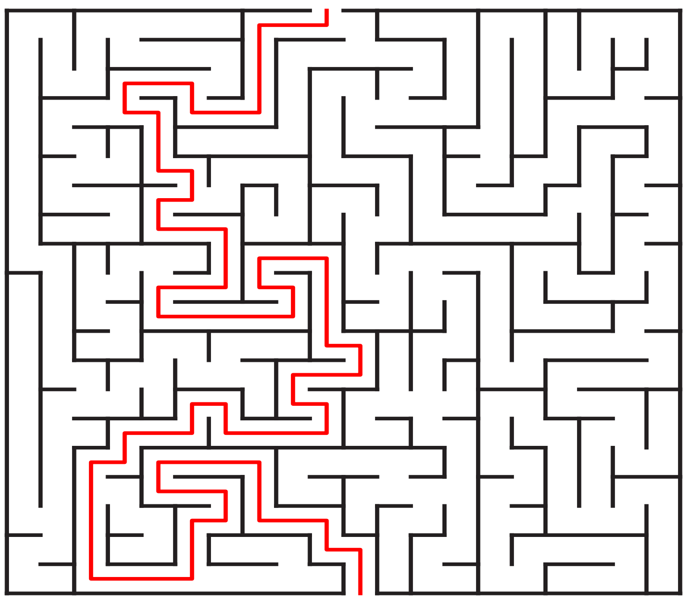

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LDWF Accepting Art Submissions for Hunting License Design

From LDWF

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) began selling hard collector's license cards last year. These optional collectible cards allow you to carry all of your active annual licenses on one long-lasting card that fits right in your wallet. These collector cards will feature new artwork each year from our very own outdoor enthusiasts.

LDWF is looking for amateur or professional artists or photographers who love the Louisiana outdoors to submit iconic Louisiana outdoor artwork and photographs to be featured on this year's hard license cards! We are looking for user-submitted, original artwork or photographs falling into the following categories Wildlife/Hunting, Fish/Fishing, and Scenic/Other to be featured. Photographs or artwork may be submitted in digital format.

To participate, simply click the link below, enter your contact information, and upload your image(s) by February 15.

https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/ldwf-durable-hard-license-artwork-contest

Rules:

Images must be taken in Louisiana

Please do not submit images with anyone's face.

Image size cannot exceed 20MB

Images should be horizontal

Winners will be notified by email, will have their artwork featured on the hard license cards, and will be featured on our website and social media channels throughout the year.

The hard license cards will go on sale this year and will be available for an additional $5.00 fee.

The proceeds from the card sales help fund LDWF's mission to manage, conserve, and promote wise utilization of Louisiana's renewable fish and wildlife resources and their supporting habitats.

LDWF will announce the winners and the date that these hard cards may be purchased on June 1, 2025, before the end of the year.

LDWF will continue to accept paper licenses and digital licenses. To learn more about license and tagging requirements, visit our website at https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/.

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LSU Awarded Grant to Preserve Campus Mounds

From LSU

Louisiana State University (LSU) has been awarded a $220,871 grant from the National Park Service's Save America's Treasures program to conserve and protect the historic LSU Campus Mounds – two ancient, nationally significant archaeological landmarks that date back at least 6,000 years. Matching funds from LSU will bring the total investment in these preservation efforts to $441,742.

The LSU Campus Mounds Preservation Project focuses on mitigating erosion, repairing damage, and bolstering the mounds' long-term stability through the introduction of drought-resistant grasses. These efforts will help ensure the continued preservation of some of the oldest documented man-made structures in North America.

This work not only safeguards an irreplaceable piece of our nation's cultural heritage but also reaffirms LSU's dedication to honoring and protecting resources that remain deeply meaningful to Tribes and our community.

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology are key partners on the project. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999, the LSU Campus Mounds hold exceptional significance for research, education, and cultural understanding.

The National Park Service, Department of the Interior, awarded a total of $25.7 million in Save America's Treasures grants this year to preserve significant sites and collections across the United States. Funding for these grants is made possible by the Historic Preservation Fund, which uses revenue from federal offshore oil and gas leases.

For more information about the LSU Campus Mounds Preservation Project, visit lsu.edu/mounds. To learn more about the Save America's Treasures program, visit nps.gov/stlpg.

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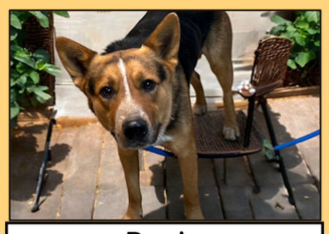
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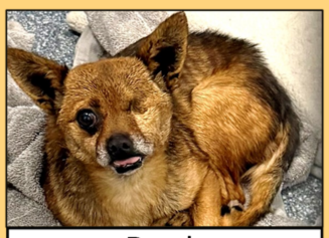
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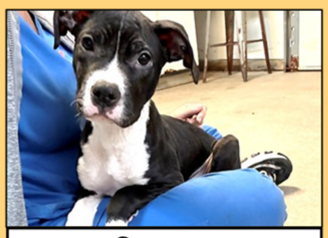
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The Joyful Mindset Makeover

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

If your thoughts were a garden, what would you be growing? A field of sunflowers that chase the sun? Or a tangled thicket of thorny weeds? The good news is, with a little mental gardening, you can prune those prickly thoughts and plant seeds of happiness instead.

Changing your thoughts might sound like hocus-pocus, but science backs up the magic. Positive thinking doesn't mean ignoring life's challenges; it means choosing to focus on what you can control and sprinkling a little gratitude into your day. Think of it as decorating your brain with fairy lights instead of gloomy clouds.

Start by catching your thoughts as they tumble through your mind. Imagine each thought is a guest at a party you're hosting. Are they fun, kind guests who lift the mood? Or are they the grumpy ones standing by the chips, complaining there's no guacamole? If it's the latter, show them the door! Replace them with affirmations or memories that make you smile.

For example, if you catch yourself thinking, "I'll never get this right," flip the script to, "I'm learning and improving every day!" It might feel cheesy at first, like a motivational poster in a gym, but your brain will start to believe it with practice.

One trick to reframe your thoughts is to treat setbacks as plot twists. Missed the bus? Great! A chance to walk and enjoy the fresh air. Spilled coffee on your favorite shirt? Now you have an excuse to wear that snazzy sweater hiding in the back of your closet.

It's all about perspective, like seeing a snowstorm as a chance to build a snowman instead of a reason to grumble about shoveling.

Gratitude is the secret sauce in this recipe for happiness. Take a moment each day to notice the little joys – the smell of your morning coffee, the sound of birds chirping, or the cozy warmth of your favorite socks. Write them down, savor them, and watch how your outlook brightens.

And remember, nobody gets it perfect all the time. Some days, your mental garden might feel a bit overgrown. That's okay! Even the best gardeners take breaks. The important thing is to keep tending to it with kindness and patience.

So, go ahead – trim those weeds of doubt, water your hopes with optimism, and let your thoughts bloom into a bouquet of happiness. Because life is too short for thorny thoughts, and your mind deserves nothing less than a field of wildflowers in full, radiant bloom.

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Lady Lions Hoops

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Southland Conference-leading Lady Lion basketball team hit the road for the fifth time in seven games, looking to stay perfect against the SLC's other Lions – East Texas A&M last Thursday evening. Coach Ayla Guzzardo's crew had to shake off a slow start to claim a 57-44 win to remain alone atop the conference and improve to 13-3 on the year.

Early on, the home team didn't look like a 4-11 squad with one win in league play. Jumping out to a 15-8 lead after one quarter of action and leading most of the second period was an impressive start for the hosts. But the good Lions clawed their way up the scoreboard, culminating with a Cheyanne Daniels' 3-point play "the old fashioned way" to give SLU a 28-27 edge going into the locker room.

In the third, points were at a premium, as Southeastern outscored ETA&M 10-8 to stretch the lead to three before pulling away in the game's final stanza to seal the win.

A stiff defense and the play in the lane made the difference in the contest as Southeastern stayed perfect in six tries against the Lions from Commerce, TX. The visitors held East-A & M to 38.8% shooting from the field and forced 21 turnovers, cashing them in for 40 points. The girls in green also dominated down low with a staggering 40-16 advantage in points in the paint.

Only one Lady Lion scored in double figures while three others came close. Taylor Bell hit four of nine from the floor to pace her squad with 10.

Daniels was four of six to add nine and three blocked shots. Lexi Alexander tossed in eight and a team-best six boards, and Alexius Horne also tallied eight to help her team improve to 7-0 in the Southland.

Two days later, the road swing concluded with a trip to Natchitoches to take on Northwestern State, who entered with a 5-1 mark in the SLC. It was a tight contest early, then the Lady Lions jumped out to a big lead before withstanding a run to earn a hard-fought 66-57 win.

The game was tied at 8 five and a half minutes in, before SLU ended the first quarter on an 8-2 run.

The second started off with more of the same. After a Lady Demon three pointer cut the lead to 16-13, the green and gold scored 12 straight as part of an 18-6 frame to make it 34-16 at the half.

NSU responded with a 23-12 third quarter, getting as close as four. The comeback would fall short however, and SLU was able to keep the home team at arm's length to capture the nine point win to stay alone atop the SLC a half game up on 7-0 Lamar and two and a half up on NSU.

Allasia Washington came off the bench to lead her team in scoring, knocking down six of nine from the floor, including two of three from downtown, and five of eight from the line for a team-high 19. Horne added 16, and Jalencia Pierre pitched in with 10.

<<<<<If anyone wins Jersey Mike's Player of the Week, the information will go here>>>>>

After playing six of the first eight Southland games on the road, the Lady Lions return home to square off against Houston Christian on Thursday Night on "NIL Game." Since the 2014-13 season, SLU and the Huskies have squared off 9 times with the Lady Lions holding a 7-2 advantage, including five straight wins.

Tipoff is set for 6.

Then on Saturday it's "Faculty and Staff Day" when Incarnate Word enters the University Center for the first game of a double header. The Lady Lions hold a 6-2 edge in head-to-head competition with the Cardinals.

The action starts at 1pm, followed by the Lions taking on UIW in the men's game.

You can catch it all locally on 90.9, The Lion or see the stream on ESPN+. Read up on these games and more on the official home of Southeastern Athletics, lionsports.net.

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Lady Lions Courts and Fields

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The Lady Lion indoor volleyball team has a new skipper after promoting Lee McBride to the head coaching position last Thursday. In the autumn, he helped his predecessor Jeremy White guide Southeastern to a perfect 16-0 mark in the Southland as part of a 26-5 campaign his first year in Hammond.

Although he has been a part of the program for a year, McBride is no stranger to the Southland Conference. After starting his coaching career at Lamar, he moved on to Lake Charles to take the reins at McNeese State from 1990-2003, amassing a mark of 254-181 with the Pokes – a school record for wins.

Joining McBride on the sideline is Allison Byler, who served as an assistant under White in 2023, helping Southeastern win their first SLC title and second straight trip to the NCAA tournament. The moves were made after White resigned to take the same position at Conference USA's Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.

One who stood out on the court in 2024 was honored by the Southland Conference last week when Cicily Hidalgo was named the SLC Volleyball Student-Athlete of the Year. The senior outside hitter, who has already been named the Conference Player of the Year, First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Louisiana, and AVCA All-American Honorable Mention, was honored by the league for leading her team to an undefeated conference season while sporting a 3.8 grade point average in business administration.

The Opelousas native was also named All-SLC Academic First Team for the third straight year.

Fellow Lady Lion Hannah Brewer garnered Second Team honors in back-to-back years after finishing 2024 with a 3.932 GPA, also in business administration.

Staying with the fall sports… after a standout season in goal for the Lady Lions, Southeastern Louisiana University's Kendall Curran was honored by the Louisiana Sports Writer's Association. The transfer from Tennessee Tech recorded three shutouts and recorded 67 saves to help her be one of three players who tied for the All-Louisiana Collegiate Soccer Newcomer of the Year.

Her teammate Hannah McCord led the team in scoring with four goals, earning an honorable mention.

While soccer and volleyball look to next year, the SLU tennis team looks to this weekend. Coach Jason Hayes' 20th Lady Lion team makes their debut on Sunday against LSU-Alexandria. The season kicks off at noon at the Southeastern Tennis Complex.

You can read up on these teams and all of the rest of the SLU Olympic sports squads by going to the online den of Southeastern Athletics, lionsports.net.

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Lions on the Hardwood

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(Photo by Chris Reich)

A Sam Hines, Jr. layup with 8 seconds to play helped the Southeastern Lion basketball team earn a hard-fought 65-64 Southland Conference win over the Northwestern State Demons in Natchitoches on Saturday. The victory helped David Keiffer's club win their fourth straight in and put them above .500 in SLC play after an 0-3 start.

Like their counterparts in the women's game, the game was tied early before SLU went on a run to take a seemingly comfortable lead into the half. The game was knotted at 14 after 10 minutes; then the Lions roared, outscoring NSU 18-8 to lead 32-22 at the half.

The Demons responded by opening the second half on an 18-7 spurt of their own to take the lead at the 13:30 mark. The home team's advantage stretched to seven points five minutes later.

Southeastern clawed their way back in it, holding the Demons without a field goal for the final 2:36 of the game. After the Hines bucket put them ahead, the Lions had to sweat it out, as Northwest-ern missed a layup in the paint at the horn.

As the score would indicate, the teams were pretty even on the stat sheet. Neither squad had more than a 2-point edge in any major statistical category.

The Lions took and hit one more shot than NSU, and that was the one that counted. The visitors knocked down 25 of 55 from the floor (45.5%) while the Demons finished 24-54 (44.4%).

Game-high scoring honors went to Jakevion Buckley. The senior transfer from Lamar hit 7-17 from the floor to finish with 19 to go along with a team-best eight rebounds.

Hines, who won the Southland Player of the Week the week before added 15 on 6-11 aim. Kam Burton came off the bench to tally 9.

Then on Monday, it was on to Commerce, TX to square off with the Lions of East Texas A&M in a Holiday Afternoon Matinee. Southeastern found themselves squaring off against the only win-less team in the Conference, but someone forgot to remind the home team of that. A scrappy ETAMU squad held a 36-33 lead at the half thanks to a stifling defense that held the visitors to un-der 40% shooting.

The lead got as large as eight over the first ten minutes of the second stanza before SLU Buck-ley's free throws with 8:26 to go tied things up at 51. From there, a pair of "and one" three-point plays by Hines and Buckley keyed a 15-7 spurt, including 11 straight to give SLU a 66-58 lead at the 2:36 mark and smooth sailing to a 76-66 win.

Three Lions finished in double digits, including a double-double. Game-high points honors went to Hines with 23 – the fourth time this year the transfer from South Florida has totaled 20 or more.

Buckley finished with 19 for the second straight game, six shy of his season high.

Brody Rowburry had inarguably his best game of the season, adding season-bests in points with 17 and boards with 10. "Big Country" did most of his damage from the stripe, knocking down 11-12 free throws.

The win extended the streak to five straight as Southeastern improves to 11-8 on the season and 5-3 in league play.

Up next, it's back to Hammond for only the fifth home game of the year and third in SLC play when the Cardinals of Incarnate Word fly into the University Center. Southeastern holds a 10-3 edge against the birdbrains in a rivalry that dates back to 2014.

Tipoff on David Keiffer Camp Reunion Day will follow the Lady Lions and UIW.

Then on Monday, it's Faculty and Staff Night, when the Houston Christian Huskies come to the UC. The teams have met 16 times, with Southeastern winning 11, including the last five. The game tips at six.

You can catch all the action locally on 90.9 The Lion. It will also stream on ESPN+.

Read up on the hoopsters and all Southeastern Athletics, lionsports.net.

PHS Sports Digest

By ETHAN PELTIER
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Green Wave Basketball went 2-0 this past week, easily taking care of Salmen on Tuesday and defeating Covington in an absolute thriller on Friday to stay undefeated in district play.

Against Salmen, the boys had no problem taking down the Spartans, as they would cruise to a 79-61 win. Cody Al-Naziat and Chaleb Seaberry both had great games, finishing with 25 points and 23 points, respectively. Al-Naziat had 3 threes while Seaberry had 5 threes on the night.

Against Covington, it was an absolute classic. The Wave started off great, leading 28-16 after the first quarter. However, Covington would flip a switch in the second quarter, outscoring the Wave 26-10 to take a 42-38 lead going into the locker room.

The second half saw neither team with a lead larger than 5 points as it was back-and-forth the entire half. Covington would tie the game with 3 seconds left on a game-tying layup to send the game into overtime.

Overtime was a completely different story, as the Wave dominated from the jump outscoring Covington 17-6 in the final period to stun the home crowd and pick up a massive win on the road by a final score of 96-85.

Chaleb Seaberry had his best game of his high school career, finishing with 38 points and 3 threes. Jairus McKay had his best game of the season by far, finishing with 20 points. Cory Jackson and Cody Al-Naziat finished with 19 points and 18 points each.

The Wave now improve to 13-5 on the season with a 2-0 district record and stay at #7 in the state rankings.

This week, the boys will have two district games as they take on Mandeville at home (originally planned for Tuesday but will be moved because of the snowstorm) and travel to St. Paul's on Friday.

The Lady Wave also finished 2-0 this past week, defeating St. Scholastica at home on Tuesday by a final score of 58-35 and defeating Covington on the road on Friday by a final score of 63-33 for their first district win of the season.

Against St. Scholastica, Alyssa Hillard led the way with 20 points, 6 rebounds, and 6 steals.

The girls now improve to 15-8 on the season with a 1-0 district record and jump up to #13 in the state rankings.

This week, the girls will have two home games as they take on Mandeville (will also be postponed to a different date due to the snowstorm) and Madison Prep on Thursday.

Tulane Defeats Florida Atlantic

By JOEL RAY
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The Tulane Green Wave defeated the Florida Atlantic University Owls on Wednesday night 80-65 in men's college basketball action at Fogelman Arena inside the Devlin Fieldhouse on the Tulane campus in New Orleans.

The Tulane men's basketball team has a record of 10-8 overall and 4-1 in the American Athletic Conference at this point in the season.

A 21-2 scoring run late in the second half of the game vaulted Tulane to the victory. The Green Wave shot 56.0 percent from the field and forced the Owls into seven turnovers in the second half for Tulane's fifth consecutive home win.

The win is important because Florida Atlantic is an American Athletic Conference opponent, and Tulane is in that conference.

With the victory over the Owls, Tulane improved to 9-2 at home so far this season including being 3-0 in American Athletic Conference play. The Green Wave are 6-2 all-time against Florida Atlantic and 4-1 against the Owls in New Orleans.

Kaleb Banks and Rowan Brumbaugh combined for 45 points to lead the Tulane offense. Banks scored 25 points, including 21 in the second half, on 8-of-14 shooting from the floor. Brambaugh had 20 points with three three-pointers and a strong effort from the free throw line, where he went 9-for-11.

The 20-point performance for Banks was his eighth of the season and his third in American Athletic Conference play. Meanwhile, Brumbaugh reached 20 points for the fourth time this year and the second time since American Athletic Conference competition began.

The only other player to score in double figures for Tulane was Asher Woods with 16 points to go with five rebounds and two steals. Woods has scored double digits in each of the last three games and four of the Green Wave's five conference games this season.

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Perception Is a Personal Experience

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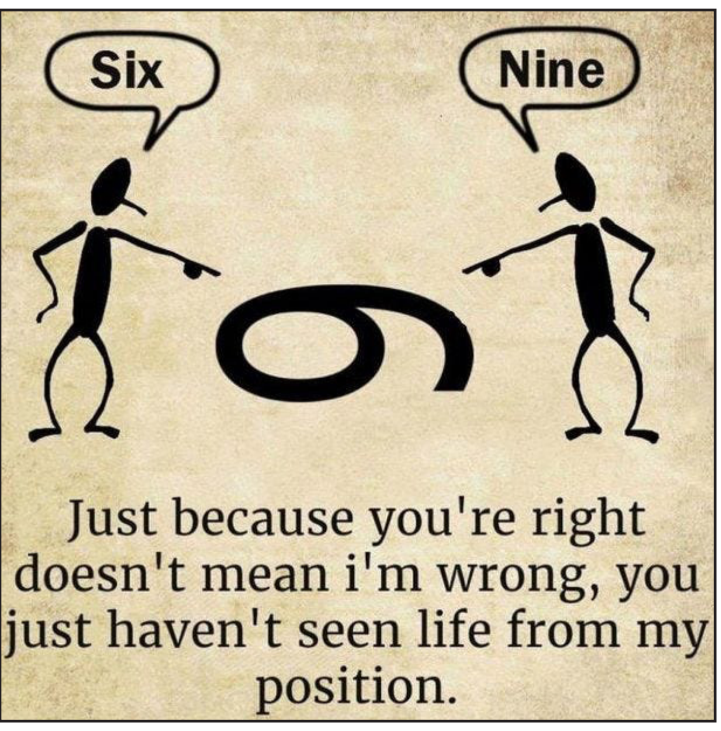
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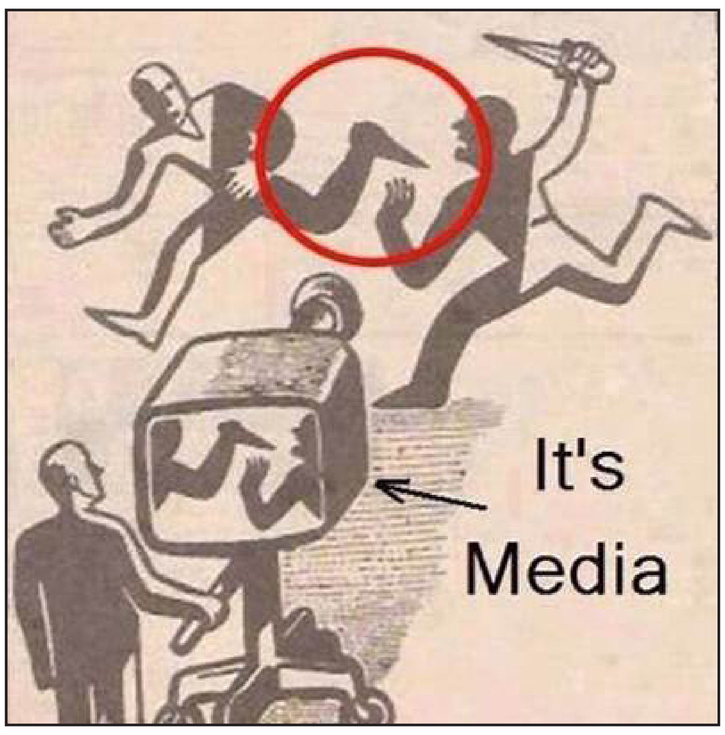

No two people will perceive something the same way, as we each experience life through our unique senses. Some of us may have a strong sixth sense, but I won't get into that one yet.

First, let's define perception: how we experience life through our senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. Sometimes, more than one point of view is correct, and occasionally, people fail to realize this.

You may remember when the entire internet was divided over a particular dress in 2015. This year will mark the ten-year anniversary of that phenomenon, which caused scientists to look closer at human perception and how it works. The dress always looked white and gold to me, but I didn't argue the point because I understood perception.

I've recently come across a video about the dress. When the famous photo appeared on my device, I saw the dress as blue and black. This surprised me because I've seen the photograph several times, and my eyes always perceived it as white and gold.

Once I had that thought, then blinked, the dress was suddenly white and gold again. I did not move, shift my phone, or do anything other than have a thought and remember the dress being white and gold, and suddenly it was. It's amazing how our perception can instantly change with just a thought.

It's important to remember that we each experience reality based on our own points of view; to expect others to see things exactly as we see and experience them is unfair.

I recently conversed with someone and pointed out the different shades of purple against a bright green background. I was shocked to discover the person was colorblind and saw everything in various shades of grey.

I quickly realized that no matter how I tried to explain colors to someone who has never seen them, they would never understand and experience these beautiful colors from my point of view. To them, these colors will forever be various shades of grey.

My mind instantly went to how bad I felt for them not being able to see the gorgeous palette of colors most of us take for granted. No matter how beautifully I explain it, a person who has never seen color will never understand it, regardless of how anyone tries to describe it to them.

A good example of our own perception is how we react when faced with a situation that could result in road rage. What is our immediate response when someone cuts us off in traffic or on the road?

Let's at least be honest with ourselves and admit that most of us can get angry and hot-headed without giving it a second thought and realizing that sometimes, we, too, have been in a hurry and unintentionally cut someone off. Truth is, we never know what someone else is going through at any given time, so instead of blaming them, it's better to realize we are all human, dealing with life's issues and rollercoasters and doing our best to navigate all of it amidst a chaotic world.

A simple shift in our perception will result in a different outcome. Kindness and compassion don't cost anything.

Last year, I was invited to try a VR system for the first time in my life. Even though my mind and body knew I was safely sitting in a chair, my eyes perceived motion, and my body reacted accordingly.

I enjoyed the game immensely but barely lasted three minutes before feeling so nauseous that I had to stop. It took me several sessions to reach a point where I can now sit through an entire VR meditation.

Our perception can be affected by numerous outside sources in our immediate environment, and none of us have the same experience. Each of us is navigating through a different reality, even though it may appear we are experiencing the same thing as a collective.

Part of our environment includes media and social media. Some people are glued to their TVs and devices 24/7. Others completely withdraw from watching any form of media and silently try to escape from these influences.

None of us know how much and what kind of information other people have; therefore, when having conversations, we can't expect them to have the same level of understanding of a topic that we may have. If we understand perception and different points of view, we can address difficult issues with respect and understanding and start developing effective solutions instead of perpetuating disputes.

We also must consider that we see more and more untruths, propaganda, fear tactics, and flat-out lies in the mainstream media. Once caught and exposed, more lies must follow, or we are told that we misunderstood what was initially said and gaslighted into regret for noticing the obvious. We see it increasingly each day: the media deliberately spinning stories and attacking those with opposing views and opinions.

If something sounds fishy, it most likely is. Today, it's easier than ever to conduct our own research as we carry personal computers, and many people dedicate effort to being accurately informed. However, many others are still not aware of the level of deceit and subterfuge peddled by the mainstream media, and as a result, their perception of social issues may starkly differ from those who have become more cynical.

With this in mind, let's remember to be kind, compassionate, and understanding towards one another. It's a new year; let's make it a good one!

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